

# COLFAX

is located in the exact geographical center of Colfax County, New Mexico, where two of the County's most important railroads, the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific and the El Paso & Southwestern cross each other at right angles. The St. Louis, Rocky Mountain & Pacific is an east and west road and the El Paso & Southwestern, a north and south road. Thus its roads tap every part of the great county that gave Colfax its name. Furthermore, Colfax is in the exact

## Center of the Agricultural Belt

and lies midway of the stockraising belt and the great Colfax County coal fields, the greatest coal fields in the world.

Colfax being the geographical center of the county, the railroad center of the county, the agricultural center of the county and the stock-raising and coal mining center of the county, it is sure to become the business center of the county, which means that it will be the

## Busiest City

in the southwest, for Colfax county is the richest county in point of natural resources in the United States.

## Colfax County Has:

1,000 Square Miles of Coal Land.  
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## FARMERS' MEETING GREAT SUCCESS

Large Crowd Listens to Experts From Agricultural College.--Advocates Planting Trees--Colfax County to be Appie Country.

The beginning of a Farmers' Institute for Cimarron took place at the Methodist church last Monday evening. As per schedule, a large meeting of those interested in agricultural pursuits was held, and the crowd enjoyed plain practical talks by experts in agriculture from the Territorial College at Mesilla Park, and these talks were full of suggestions that could not but be of great benefit to any farmer.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Geo. Webster who set forth the objects of the meeting in a few well chosen words. After stating that it is the wish of the committee on exhibits to have every one strive to make as good a showing as possible along every line for the Albuquerque Irrigation Congress, he introduced Prof. Tindley, the soil expert from the Agricultural College. Prof. Tindley gave a very interesting talk on the proper method for preparing the soil for crop cultivation, touching both on the irrigation and dry farming methods. He explained that the main trouble with the farmers of New Mexico was their tendency to allow irrigation take the place of cultivation. He explained that if the soil is thoroughly cultivated with either a disk or spike tooth harrow, very soon after irrigation, the surface is thereby loosened up and the moisture is retained, and consequently less water is needed for the land. With less water needed for each acre, more acreage can be planted with the available water supply, and more crops raised. In speaking of the proper depth for plowing and cultivation by the dry farming method, he stated that it is

all dependent upon the soil cultivated. If the soil is loose and sandy and will not hold water, deeper cultivation is necessary, than where it is compact. He stated that it should be cultivated to the proper depth in all cases, so that the loose earth will absorb and retain all the normal rainfall, and that this depth can only be ascertained by experiment.

The next speaker of the evening was Mr. Frederic Whitney, who gave a few words on the system of tree planting adopted here in Cimarron. He stated that hereafter all trees to be planted in the streets must be planted at a distance of thirteen and one-half feet from the property line, because the various streets are not all the same width, and by using this distance, all trees will be in line with all others, and the beauty of the streets will not, therefore, be spoiled by irregular tree planting.

### Advocate's Shade Trees.

The next speaker of the evening was Prof. Garcia, the College Horticulturist, and in opening his address he strongly advocated the planting of shade trees all over town. He stated that box elder, elm, cottonwood, etc., would all grow very nicely here, and that the value to the town property can not be estimated. He states that experience has shown that it is not advisable to place manure in the holes, because it heats and tends to burn out the tender young roots. In planting trees, too, much care and water can not be taken. Young two and three-year-old trees are the best, because then all roots are taken up, and the tree more than makes up in growth within the next five years.

### County Great Fruit Center.

In speaking of the fruit possibilities here in Colfax county, Prof. Garcia stated that he knows of no portion of the whole southwest where the advantage for raising pomaceous fruits are as great as right here in the Cimarron Valley. He stated that the raising of apples here in Colfax county is sure to be a great industry in the future. On looking over the orchards which have been planted for thirty years, he stated that he was surprised to see the trees so healthy and vigorous, and that they show so little signs of ever having been attacked by any diseases. The speaker showed how the climate of Colfax county is extremely suitable for the cultivation of apples, pears and plums. The apple trees should be planted about thirty feet apart, making about fifty trees to the acre. Pears about eighty trees to the acre. There are so many good and suitable varieties of apples, that he did not try to dictate which should be planted, he did, however, state that in his opinion, the Green Gage and Damsun Plums were the best suited for this country.

### To Organize Institute.

It has been the plan of Mr. Webster to organize a Farmers' Institute here in the vicinity of Cimarron, in order that the farmers may meet and tell of their experiments and successes as well as listen to the expert advice of such distinguished gentlemen as addressed the first meeting last Monday evening. Nothing tends to promote the welfare of any community more than does the success farmers have in their business. The way to gain this success is to follow approved and scientific methods. By proper fertilization and rotation of crops, by using scientific methods, the increase of crops both in quality and quantity is greatly augmented, and the success of the farmer spells success to others along most every line. Every one should take a great interest in promoting the organization whether they be farmers or bankers, and every one could be benefited by attending the meetings. Mr. Webster deserves great praise for the enthusiastic manner in which he is striving to better the farming conditions of Colfax county. It was through his efforts that Cimarron was enabled to listen to the fine talks of Prof. Tindley and Prof. Garcia, and we should all get together and help Mr. Webster in his work.

## Second Shooting Near Springer

SIM GALLEY SHOTS J. R. GILLESPIE ON PORTER RANCH.

The second shooting to occur in or near Springer within the last six months took place last Thursday on the H. M. Porter Red River ranch. Sim Galley, the ranch foreman of Mr. Porter, shot his brother-in-law James R. Gillespie in a quarrel between the two men. Just what the quarrel was about is hard to ascertain, but it is supposed to have arisen over some land troubles. It was at first reported here in Cimarron that Gillespie was killed, but later reports bring out the fact that one ball passed through Gillespie's fore arm, and the other hit him in the side of the hip, glancing off the hip bone and doing nothing further than causing a rather severe flesh wound.

Galley has given himself up to the authorities.

## NEW MANAGER LUMBER YARD

H. E. BRUBAKER ASSUMES CHARGE OF YARD OF CIMARRON LUMBER CO.

Some time ago, Mr. H. E. Brubaker came to Cimarron from Colorado to look over the city with a view of investing here and making his future home in our midst. He is an experienced lumber man, and has returned with his wife to make Cimarron his home and to cast in his lot with the rest of us. He has taken charge of the yards of the Cimarron Lumber company, and the business will undoubtedly be much benefited by his attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker have not as

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yet picked on a location for their home, but the Citizen is informed that they will build a residence as soon as possible.

The Crocker Mercantile company have started the carpenter work on their building at the corner of Washington and Ninth. New joists are now nearly all in place, and the laying of the floor has begun. It will not be long now until the company moves its store over to new town.

Mr. Kershner, of the firm of Pooler & Kershner, which recently purchased the Oxford hotel, was an over Sunday visitor in Cimarron.

Mrs. Cooley, whose husband is a popular brakeman on the Rocky Mountain railroad, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Records.

M. G. Pence was an over Sunday visitor in Raton.